

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 19TH, 2017 7:00PM**

A meeting of the Columbia Township Board was called to order by L. Norton. Present were: K. Curtis, S. Corke, K. Gruss, J. Huizenga and L. Norton. Absent: None. Roll call was taken. 28 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$189,286.43	Road Fund	\$517,033.07
Fire Fund	\$342,402.20	Ambulance Fund	\$2,393.38
Trust and Agency	\$2,834.19	Tax Fund	\$44,585.62
North Lake	\$8,192.23	House Fund	\$47,953.26
Police Fund	\$204,000.41	Saddle Lake Fund	\$30,422.86
General 2	\$19,655.85	Road 2	\$91,179.58

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 10-17-17 correction; Special meeting minutes: 11-1 & 11-7-17. Invoices thru 12-19-17 and treasurer's report. Motion by Norton and seconded by Corke to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried. Curtis abstained from vote.

TREASURERS REPORT: Surveys that were returned favored not have any medical marijuana facilities within the township. Some millages will be expiring. Contacted some electrical inspectors in the area. Winter tax statements have been mailed. Merry Christmas.

CLERKS REPORT: Merry Christmas. Completed payroll, invoices, filing, minutes, synopsis, ambulance checks.

GUEST SPEAKER: Attorney Kaufman, Senior Services Rep.; Sheriff Abbott.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Closed on December 25 & 30, 2017. Merry Christmas.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None.

SUPERVISOR: Working on 3 year road plan. Board training. Internet service is being expanded to reach more customers.

ASSESSOR: No report.

FIRE CHIEF: Call fire department if you will be burning large debris piles leave message of address of burn 269-434-6266. Clear area around where you are going to burn. Month of November there was 10 calls. Average response time was 5.30 minutes for the month. Remember to check the batteries on smoke detectors. Please have your address for your home in a clear and visible location in case the ambulance/fire department needs to find your home. Suspending the Multi-Department Membership in order to retain our fire fighters.

POLICE: 2 health & safety and 3 civil disputes; 3 traffic crash; 8 general assists; 10 assaults; 8 alarm; 4 larceny; 4 B & E; 1 stolen property; 7 suspicious situations.

COUNTY COMM: Approved to replace the historical museum windows for \$29,000.00 these funds will be paid back. 11 business will receive grants to train people in areas where there is a need for qualified workers; replacing some sheriff's vehicles \$127,000.00. To create a safer work environment the purchase of a new alarm system for \$59,000.00.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No report.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: Opioid use medical marijuana.

SENIOR SERVICES: Senior City in South Haven also offers a meal once a month. Lunch is offered monthly at the Church in Grand Junction contact the church for more information. Activities available at Senior City are: Tai Chi, Hand Chimes, Computer lessons, Pickle ball, Card games, Line Dancing, call 269-637-3607 for more information. Please spread the word about the help the Senior Services offers. Help a senior today for many are in need. Remember to check out the senior sentinel in your local paper.

CEMETERY: No report.

BALL FIELD: End of season.

ZONING: No report.

LAWSUIT: No report.

FOIA REPORT: 1 request.

TRUSTEE2: Worked on some mobile homes reported to have no permits; attended special meetings; planning commission meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

DISCUSSION: electrical inspector; millages; planning commission terms; medical marihuana options; workshops.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to hire Mark Smith state inspector electrical. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Corke seconded by Norton to raise minimum wage to \$9.25 fire department. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Norton to opt in the medical marihuana ordinance by May 1st, 2018. Motion carried. 2 no votes.
4. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to have budget workshops. 1-20-18 9am; 2-17-18 & 3-7-18. Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Norton seconded by Curtis to table road millage until April 2018. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Curtis to approve Senior Millage Resolution 2017-18 &19. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to table police millage. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Curtis seconded by Corke to table dump pass rules. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve road planning sheet for road commission for 2018. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Various comments were made about medical marijuana. Event committee said that the bake sale was successful. Breedsville church is open 12-6 on Tuesdays.

BOARD COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Huizenga seconded by Corke. Time: 9:20p.m.

Linda Norton, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk